Budgetary Support for NTPC to Add Additional 10,000 MW

2540. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Ministry has petitioned the Finance Ministry for Rs. 16,000 crore budgetary support for National Thermal Power Corporation to add additional 10,000 MW by 2012;

(b) if so, the schemes prepared for ambitious plan for generating power from the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(c) whether the Ministry of Finance has agreed to provide Rs. 16,000 crore package; and

(d) if so, when these projects in this regard is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Ministry of Power has not made any proposal to the Finance Ministry to provide budgetary support for National Thermal Power Corporation's capacity addition.

(b) and (d) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) had formulated a Corporate Plan envisaging capacity addition of about 20,000 MW by 2012. NTPC has also been asked by the Ministry of Power to consider enhancing the capacity addition programme by additional 10000 MW. NTPC has agreed to explore the possibility of enhancing its capacity addition programme from 20,000 MW to 30,000 MW and initiated action for identifying additional projects from which benefit could accrue during 11th Plan, subject to timely linkages, clearances/approval and funding tie ups.

(c) In view of (a) above, does not arise.